

## Thank you for participating in the 2017 Manitou Days Grande Parade!

Our goal is to create a safe and fun event for everyone who participates in the Manitou Days Grande Parade...entries and spectators alike. Please review the following parade rules intended to keep both Manitou Days Parade participants and spectators safe at all times.

- All decorative materials should be fire retardant.
- Fire or open flame on any entrant is prohibited.
- **Do not bring alcohol to the parade. Alcohol is prohibited in the line up area and parade.**
- Limit use of vehicle horns or sirens. They prevent musical groups from being heard.
- Safety ropes or rails are mandatory if passengers are aboard floats or open truck beds.
- All drivers of floats or vehicles shall possess a valid driver's license. Drivers shall have 180 degree forward vision.

For Safety Reasons no participant may throw any item from a float or other unit in the Manitou Days Grande Parade. This Includes Beach Balls, Candy, Water Propelled from Squirt Guns, Frisbees, etc... If you wish to distribute items to parade spectators, distribution must be made by persons walking along the parade as part of an officially registered entry. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** Groups breaking this rule will not be invited to participate in future Manitou Days Parades.

After discussion with the City of White Bear Lake Public Works Department we establish a **No Stickers** policy for the Manitou Days Grande Parade. Apparently stickers not only end up on parade spectators, but street signs, sidewalks and buildings. The parade committee is committed to monitoring this policy. Any stickers that are found in the line-up area or through the parade route will be kindly confiscated by a parade official. Groups in violation of this policy will also be heavily fined. Fines collected will be used to cover clean up expenses incurred when removing stickers that end on street signs, sidewalks and buildings.

**Since the insurance situation is too uncertain, The Manitou Days Parade Committee, White Bear Events and City of White Bear Lake, collectively and individually disclaims any responsibility for accidents that may occur on June 16th in the staging area while the parade is being lined up, in the parade line of march and at West Park.**

The Manitou Days Parade Committee and White Bear Events reserves the right to bar from the parade at any time any entrant not conforming to the rules and regulations, or refusing to follow the instruction of the police or parade officials.

### Parade Participant Information

The Manitou Days Grande Parade will start at 6:30 pm rain or shine. The parade route is about one mile long. Your line up space adds to the distance participants walk in the Manitou Days Parade. It is guesstimated that a minimum of 8,000 spectators venture into downtown White Bear Lake for the Manitou Days Parade. This figure may help as you plan the amount of candy and promotional items you wish to distribute. Please limit distribution of paper and handouts along the parade route. Unfortunately, most of this paper winds up on the streets, in yards and in White Bear Lake.

**Parade Orders** including line-up information (which is your parade number and section assignment), staging location, special Information, maps and your vehicle pass **are included with this mailing.** Your line-up number and section assignment is based in part by the date your **application and fee** was received. How many applications were received prior to yours, type of entry and how many spaces are left in the parade. Please make arrangements to communicate this information to everyone in your group prior to the Manitou Days Grande Parade. **This information will also be available on our website [www.manitoudays.com](http://www.manitoudays.com).**

### Basic Line-Up Information

As you know, Highway 61 gets very congested the afternoon and evening of the Manitou Days Grande Parade. Avoid travel on Highway 61 if possible. Consider using side streets or enter the downtown area from the north end of town. Look for parking spaces on the west side of Highway 61. You will not be allowed to drive into the line-up area to drop off parade participants.

Respect local law enforcement and parade volunteers as they direct traffic and control the crowd.

Clark Avenue, Lake Avenue (between Clark & 2nd Street) 1st and 2nd Streets are reserved for staging the Manitou Days Parade and are not to be used as an access route to the assembly area for parade participants.

Upon arrival, park all parade vehicles close to the curb and check in with a parade volunteer. Parade Volunteers will be wearing Parade Volunteer t-shirts.

Rest room facilities will be available in the line-up at the intersection of Clark and Lake Avenue and in West Park at the end of the Parade. It is suggested that you provide drinking water for your group to use en route.

Once the parade begins, do not delay the forward progress of the parade for the purpose of performing. Do not close in on the preceding unit. Maintain an interval of 10 feet. If the unit ahead of you must stop, you stop. Proceed immediately, when the parade starts to move.